

ALLEGED FRAUD IS DENOUNCED FROM PULPITS

One Minister Gives Specific Instances of Corruption.

IT'S "DOGEAT DOG" WITH FACTIONS

Much of Feeling of Resentment Toward Young Forces Is Veering Toward Maynard, and It Is Believed Political Death Is in Store for Both.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Norfolk, Va., September 25.—With the attorneys spending the day in digging into the records of the election for other disclosures of fraud in the Second District congressional primary, the pastors of the city denouncing fraud from their pulpits, often announcing fraudulent voting in one instance, and automobiles scurrying over both Norfolk city and county after confirmatory data, there was no let-up to-day in the sensational rumors relative to alleged corrupt politics in this section.

Dr. George W. Perryman pastor of the First Baptist Church, during the course of his evening sermon, declared that he had been informed that, although Dr. R. B. Garrett, pastor of the Court Street Baptist Church, Portsmouth, was several hundred miles away in a Virginia mountain resort, he was voted in that city, and that W. C. Corbett, a deacon in the same church, although he was over three thousand miles away, in Europe, returned home to find that his name had been voted in the primary. Dr. Perryman instanced these cases to show that it was "dog eat dog" between the two factions in perpetrating fraud in the primary, and urged that the election should be declared null and void.

Honeycombed With Fraud. The announcement is made that the Citizens' Committee, now engaged in investigating conditions in Portsmouth, found in the Fifth Ward that forty-two more names were voted and entered on the poll books than appear on the official registration lists of that ward. The disclosures continue to show, is the declaration, that Portsmouth wards are honeycombed with evidences of fraud in the election. Another sensational statement of to-day, backed, it is claimed, by the disclosures of the past few hours, indicates that the First Ward of Norfolk, a "ring" stronghold, is in as bad shape as the Fifth Ward. It is further declared that the disclosure that will come in Norfolk county means the doom of the fusion element that has held sway for years. It is charged that, irrespective of party lines, Alvah H. Martin, who is the dictator in the investigation, and the belief is general that the investigation will cause the State committee to demand that in future there shall be a straight-out Democratic ticket and fight for control. "Hands off the Democratic party" will be the watchword for the future.

New Primary Demanded. The popular demand in Norfolk is insistent for the declaring of the primary null and void and for the complete exposure of the alleged fraudulent methods employed in the district by the "ring" to control. That only a new primary, that only a new primary, guaranteeing fairness, will satisfy the people and allay the threatened revolt is admitted. It is not a Young or Maynard fight now, but a fight for honest, decent and fair election methods. Uneasiness and unrest are manifest in the political circles of the city, and, as the investigation progresses, the first feeling of resentment, mainly aimed at the Young faction, is veering toward the Maynard faction. That these two factions vied with each other in the use of fraudulent voting to carry their respective points is no longer questioned, and that both will meet political death is the belief.

HURRICANE COMING

Another Disturbance Sweeping Toward North Atlantic.

Washington, D. C., September 25.—Another West Indian hurricane is sweeping toward the North Atlantic from the tropics headed for the lanes of travel of the European steamship service, and the wireless telegraph has been used to warn captains of steamers. The storm is expected to carry destruction in its path for the next week, and may do considerable damage to shipping.

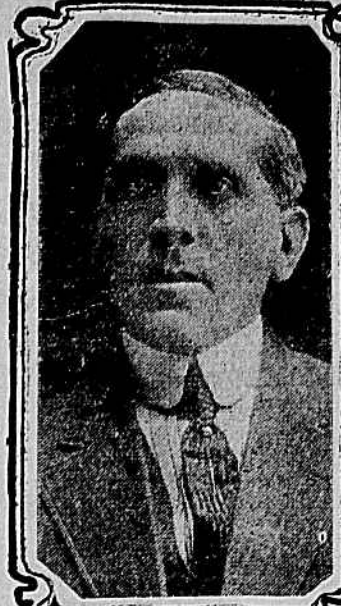
Information as to the location and nature of the disturbance has been sent to all wireless stations on the Atlantic coast with instructions to warn vessels. The storm is expected to move in a northeasterly direction. It may continue its course northward toward the Irish coast. Some indications of another disturbance were shown by reports to the Weather Bureau to-day from the West Indies. It was centered apparently east of the Windward Islands, but its proportions could not be ascertained.

READY FOR UNVEILING

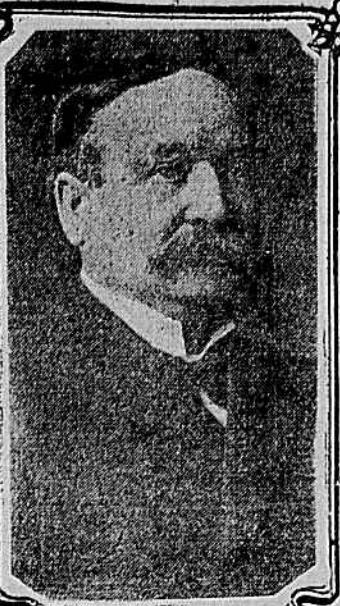
Statue of Stonewall Jackson Erected at Charleston, W. Va.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Charleston, W. Va., September 25.—Arrangements are complete for the unveiling of the statue of Stonewall Jackson, erected as a memorial to the Confederate soldiers, by Charleston Chapter No. 151, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Nearly 100 cadets from Virginia Military Institute will attend the unveiling, accompanied by the famous Stonewall Brigade band of Staunton. Three companies of State militia will turn out for the event.

LEADING MEMBERS OF POSTMASTERS' ASSOCIATION



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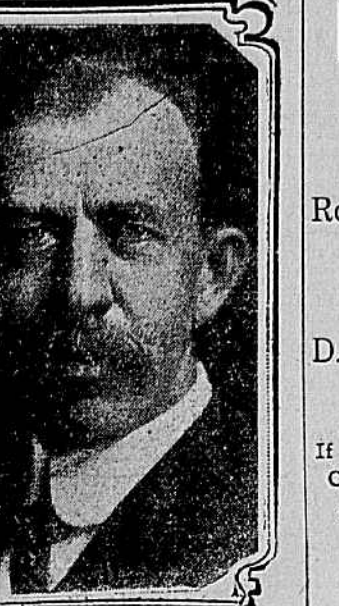
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First Vice-President.



EDWARD M. MORGAN,
President.



E. R. SIZER,
Second Vice-President.



R. E. WOODS,
Fourth Vice-President.

STEM SOCIALISM THROUGH CHARITY

Only Power by Which Hatred of Oppressed Can Be Curbed.

CATHOLICS ORGANIZE

Conference Will Enlarge Field of Church in Relieving the Poor.

Washington, D. C., September 25.—The National Conference of Catholic Charities, the purpose of which is to promote the aims of the Catholic Church in the field of charity, was inaugurated here to-day in the presence of high ecclesiastical dignitaries, including Cardinal Gibbons, Mgr. Falconio, apostolic delegate, archbishops and bishops and nearly 500 laymen and clergymen identified in the work of charity.

The distinguished prelate, members of his party, Archbishops Glennon, of St. Louis, and Ireland, of St. Paul, together with many other dignitaries of the priesthood and laity, reviewed a pageant comprising nearly 20,000 parochial school children and nearly 5,000 Knights of Columbus from the archdiocesan residence on Lindell Boulevard this afternoon. Later he officiated at a special mass service at the Sacred Heart Convent Gardens.

This morning the cardinal conducted mass at St. Charles Borromeo's Church (Italian) and in the new St. Louis Cathedral chapel. To-night he was the guest of honor at a banquet tendered by the St. Louis Club. Cardinal Gibbons, who is honorary president of the conference, was the central figure to-night at a big public meeting which brought to a close the day's series of impressive ceremonies. The cardinal, in a few remarks, said he saw much good that would come from the work of the conference, for he believed that organized charity ranked above all others in effectiveness. "We shall always have poverty to relieve," said he. "Poverty follows wealth just as the shadow follows the sun. To-day, however, is the largest city in the world, and yet no other city presents such sordid poverty."

Sounding the keynote of the conference in an eloquent sermon at high mass—the opening ceremony of the meeting—celebrated at the Catholic University of America, Archbishop Blenk, of New Orleans, arraigned the oppression of the poor and declared that charity is the necessary and the only efficacious power to stem socialism and to relieve human suffering.

The conference will last four days. Delivering the first message to the delegates, Archbishop Blenk said the conference might be called "The continuation, or rather the practical conclusion of the great international Eucharistic Congress at Montreal." "There is in this fair land of ours, as in others, said Archbishop Blenk, women and even children are but beasts of burden with scarcely a semblance left of the dignity of intelligent and free human beings. The unfortunate victims of a soulless greed, they are driven to despair or to the most heart-rending degradation. The God of justice eternally condemns and reprobates the vicious systems of work and unjust systems of pay which are responsible for such inhuman and iniquitous conditions. The oppressed," he added, "look with bitter and deep-seated hatred on their oppressors and store up in memory the wanton provocation of the vulgar flaunting of hoarded wealth."

For these evils, the preacher found a cure in the true brotherhood of man and the substitution of the love of God for the inordinate love of self "which is the cause of all our woe."

A TRIPLE TRAGEDY

Auto Backed in Front of Electric Car and Three Men Killed.

Cleveland, Ohio, September 25.—Backing his automobile across a country road in an attempt to reach a private driveway, Dr. Morris D. Stepp, a prominent Cleveland surgeon, drove the machine directly before a speeding electric freight car late to-day. The motive was hurled high into the air, and in a moment the dying bodies of Mrs. Stepp and her two small children lay on the ground beside the unconscious form of the husband and father, who had sustained three fractured ribs and internal injuries.



POSTMASTER-GEN'L HITCHCOCK.

READY FOR SEVEN DAYS' HARD WORK

Taft Back in White House, and To-Day Cabinet Officers Move In.

Washington, D. C., September 25.—President Taft arrived in Washington this morning at 8:40 o'clock from Cincinnati, and went at once to the White House to breakfast. He attended church service during the forenoon, took a short automobile spin with Secretary of the Navy Meyer, had Senator Curtis, of Kansas, as a luncheon guest, and spent the afternoon and evening "at home."

The house party at the White House does not begin until to-morrow. Then the members of the Cabinet will move in, bag and baggage, to remain until the President goes away again on Saturday next. Secretary Norton has been given the task of "room clerk" at the White House, and will assign quarters to the various members of the President's official family.

The President's homecoming was uneventful. Only a few persons were at the station to meet him, but to those he expressed delight at being once more in the capital and ready for seven days of hard work. A week of daily Cabinet meetings will be inaugurated to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Eight of the nine members of the Cabinet will be on hand, the only absentee being Secretary of War Dickinson, who has not yet returned from his trip around the world. Secretaries Knox, Ballinger and Wilson have been in Washington for several days. Secretaries McVeigh and Meyer and Postmaster-General Hitchcock arrived to-day. Attorney-General Wickham and Secretary Nagel will get in to-morrow morning.

The President already was had an opportunity to talk with the Attorney-General since the latter's return from Alaska, where he went with Secretary Nagel to make a study of the general situation. The Cabinet is to consider, among other things, the President's forthcoming appointments to the Supreme Court of the United States, the creation of a Court of Commerce, departmental estimates for the coming fiscal year and plans for greater economy and efficiency in departmental methods; the establishment of the postal banks and the extension of the civil service to include all assistant postmasters and permanent clerks in money-order offices.

All of the clerks were on duty at the executive offices to-day, and Secretary Norton disposed of quite an accumulation of official mail.

GREATEST LATITUDE

But Discussion Must Be Free From

Pueblo, Col., September 25.—A determination to permit the greatest latitude in discussion of "irrigation problems, but to keep deliberations free from sectional disputes or personal grievances, is voiced by officers and delegates already here for the eighteenth National Irrigation Congress, which will open to-morrow afternoon. William J. Bryan will arrive to-morrow and will be one of the speakers before the congress Monday night. To-morrow will be given over to formal opening exercises, including an industrial parade and the throwing open of the irrigation exposition. The congress will close Friday afternoon with the election of officers.



S. S. FEEHAN,
Secretary.



EDGAR ALLAN, JR.



I. W. FULLER.

PLAN IMPROVEMENTS TO POSTAL SERVICE

Saving Banks and Parcels Post Among Topics at Postmasters' Convention Which Opens To-Day—Many Distinguished Government Officials to Speak.

Edward M. Morgan, postmaster of New York City, and president of the National Association of Postmasters of the First Class, at the Jefferson Hotel last night expressed the view that the thirteenth annual convention which opens to-day will be the largest and most interesting the association has ever held. Postmaster-General Frank H. Hitchcock arrived in Washington yesterday afternoon for the extended meeting of President Taft's Cabinet, which begins to-day, but he has assured President Morgan that he will certainly be in Richmond during the sessions of the convention, and will deliver an address to the postmasters.

President Morgan said that the program for this year was one of exceptional value. "I am told that more than fifty postmasters of large cities throughout the country are already here," he said, "and before the opening hour in the morning I expect as many as a hundred and fifty more. From the number who have brought their wives I judge that the delegates expect to stay through the meeting. It is always an encouraging sign of interest when there are many women accompanying delegates."

Postal Savings Banks. "There are many matters of special interest to be discussed at this convention," continued President Morgan. "Our members are especially interested just now in the plans for opening proposed new postal savings banks authorized by Congress. Our association has twice recommended the establishment of banks, and is taking a great deal of interest in working out the details of the plan. We are also on record as favoring the parcels post, which has not as yet been authorized save in some of our postal treaties with foreign countries. We are also taking particular interest in such subjects as education of the public on postal matters, making provision for superannuated postal employees, relation of the civil service to the postal

service, and economy in the postal administration. There will also be time for discussion of many special problems which affect the postal service in large cities, such as rural and suburban mail delivery, the effect of the forty-eight hour law on the letter carrier service, introduction of safeguards against raising money orders, and other matters of detail which are more of special than of public interest."

Cabell and Hitchcock Coming. Postmaster Edgar Allan, Jr., of Richmond, was at the head of a large reception committee, which greeted the incoming postmasters on their arrival at the Jefferson Hotel last night. Mr. Allan seemed convinced that the attendance would break all records, and that the convention would be successful from every viewpoint. He said he had had a telegram from Commissioner of Internal Revenue Royal E. Cabell, former postmaster at Richmond, who will be here this morning. He had also been advised that Postmaster-General Hitchcock, although unable to come down this morning on account of a Cabinet meeting, would certainly come later, possibly for the annual banquet to-morrow night.

Many distinguished men from all parts of the country are already here, and the hotel has reservations for many others, who will arrive on early trains from the North and West. A number of officials from the headquarters of the Post-Office Department in Washington will arrive this morning to be here through the convention. C. P. Grandfield, First Assistant Postmaster-General, is on the program for an address this afternoon. He remained in Washington last night to confer with Postmaster-General Hitchcock on departmental matters, and will arrive here this morning. A. M. Travers, acting Third Assistant Postmaster-General; P. V. De Graw, Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General; and John C. Black, president of the United States Civil Service Commission, are among the speakers on the program.

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COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS MAY BE PACKED

Roosevelt Likely to Do It to Serve His Ends.

DARK PROSPECT FOR OLD GUARD

If Colonel Wins Temporary Chairmanship, and, in Disregard of Precedent, Appoints Committee, Barnes Will Carry Fight to Floor of Convention.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Saratoga, N. Y., September 25.—With the Old Guard leaders apparently aware that they will be outnumbered in their fight to make Vice-President Sherman, and not Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, temporary chairman of the convention, they are preparing to make their principal fight on the platform. The fight will begin before the committee on platform and resolutions and will be carried into the convention itself, if the Old Guard is defeated in the first conflict.

William Barnes, Jr., of Albany, who expects to take personal charge of the fight to prevent the insertion of a direct primaries plank and other radical propositions in the Republican State platform, to-night expressed the fear that Colonel Roosevelt, if chosen temporary chairman, might pack the committee on resolutions.

"In all the history of the Republican party in this State has never been done," said Mr. Barnes to-night. "But under the resolutions generally adopted at the convention the power of appointing the committee is left exclusively in the hands of the temporary chairman. If he cares to take advantage of it, there will be no departure from that custom this year. I take it, and nobody can tell what the colonial will do, as long as it will serve the ends he is seeking to attain."

There has been considerable discussion among the Progressive leaders over the important question of who shall be chairman of the committee on resolutions in case they get in control of the temporary organization of the convention. Herbert Parsons was strongly considered, but has declined to accept the place. To-night the most talk is of United States Senator Elihu Root. Senator Root is expected here to-morrow.

Here is an outline of some of the most important provisions in the draft for a platform which will be submitted by the Progressives, coming from an authentic source:

The first plank will deal with the efforts now being made to do away with graft in the Legislature and the State departments. There will be no criticism of the work done by the present legislative graft investigating committee, but the plank will contain a strong declaration that the work must go on until official wrongdoing is stopped. The second plank will deal with direct nominations and will be brief. Here is the wording of the plank: "We favor the direct election of all party officers and the direct nomination of candidates for public office at official primary elections."

There will follow a complete and general endorsement of President Taft and a commendatory review of the achievements of his administration.

No Tariff Revision. On tariff the Progressives' platform will declare that in view of the creation of the Board of Tariff Commissioners, no general revision of the tariff will be required, as the Tariff Board will make expert recommendations after exhaustive study, by which imperfect schedules may be revised. Democratic success would mean a general revision, disastrous to business.

There will be a commendatory review of the good legislation enacted by the last Congress. There will be a full and unqualified endorsement of the Hughes administration.

The labor plank, in the present form of the Progressive platform, will commend the employers' liability legislation of the last session and the work of the State Labor Department in enforcing the laws for the protection of wage earners. This plank recommends that the State will pledge the party to further progressive legislation with that end in view.

Representative William S. Bennett is at work drafting planks pledging the Republican party to the enactment of laws for the abatement of the delays in connection with the work of naturalization of foreigners in New York City and elsewhere, and also a plank recommending legislation looking to the educational betterment of aliens along civic lines, the protection of immigrants, better inspection of the camps in which immigrants are herded, who are employed in the construction work, laws for the better distribution of immigrants and for the stamping out of the padrone system.

Representative Bennett produced a primary plank of his own, which will be submitted to the committee on resolutions. This plank recommends that the party will pledge the party to a State-wide enrollment, a uniform primary day throughout the State, the abolition of intermediary conventions, an official primary ballot and State conducted primary elections.

The Primary Plank. Here is the plank in part: "We favor the continuance of this body (the convention) as a delegate body elected directly by Republican electors with representation based on the party vote in each assembly district. We pledge our party to the enactment of laws giving to each member of the party the right at the primary to express directly his choice for nominees for public office if he so desires; or to intrust his nominating power to delegates. The most free and untrammeled

MONEY SHORTAGE IS VERY UNLIKELY

Not a Promise to Individuals, but Only a General Statement.

BANKS WELL FORTIFIED

"Panics Foreseen Never Come," Say Officials in Pointing to Favorable Signs.

Washington, September 25.—It is unlikely that there will be any shortage of money this fall anywhere in the United States. This is not to be construed as a promise to any particular individual, but is the large, impersonal view of the Treasury Department, whose hand is on the pulse of the nation's financial and business life, and represents the opinion of officials who constantly watch for symptoms of any stringency. In their opinion, the danger mark, if there actually has been one during several months past, has been left astern. They give these reasons for their prediction of plentiful money:

Primarily, the banks saw what looked like a money shortage coming several months ago. They knew they could expect no help from the United States Treasury, such as they got in 1908, and prepared themselves. They have piled up gold, built up reserves, and are ready to meet any demand for money. New loans have been closely scrutinized.

Banks Well Fortified. By doing all that, the banks have fortified against an emergency. They well could to be good signs in making a prediction for this country.

Nearly every crop in the United States this year is reported to be a bumper crop.

Corn will set a new record. Four-fifths of the crop has been gathered, and the chances of loss from frosts are small.

The oat crop is the greatest in years. The cotton crop will be 1,000,000 bales greater than it was last year. Nearly all other crops are reported very large.

Next month, it is estimated, investors all over the country will receive nearly \$10,000,000 in dividend checks from industrial, railroad and other corporations. That will add, of course, to the money generally in circulation.

The record crops are one argument against a money shortage, because they tend to be good signs in making a prediction for this country.

Europe, in the meantime, will be selling material to America, but un-